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The Mission of the YMCA is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

**YMCA OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**YMCA of Southwest Florida Welcomes New Board Members, Teri A Hansen and Jerome Fletcher**

VENICE, Florida – YMCA of Southwest Florida unanimously elected Teri A Hansen and Jerome Fletcher to join the Board of Directors. The newly elected Board Members join nineteen other community leaders who guide the Strategic Plan and vision of the association.

Teri A Hansen serves as the president and CEO of Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation where she leads philanthropic efforts to strengthen our community and the non-profits that help it thrive.

Teri A Hansen has 30 years of experience in philanthropic leadership.  Prior to joining the Barancik Foundation, she was president and CEO of Gulf Coast Community Foundation.  During her 13-year tenure the foundation provided leadership on key community issues and created innovative initiatives.  She was vice president for gift planning and donor relations at The Cleveland Foundation, the oldest and one of the largest community foundations in the United States.  She also worked as vice president of external relations for Central Indiana Community Foundation and was the founding president of Legacy Fund of Hamilton County (Indiana).

Jerome Fletcher is the City Manager of North Port and has an extensive history working in economic development. His experience drives strong business advancement strategies including expanding revenue sources and fiscally prudent management. His past experiences include serving as

an Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for Montgomery County, Maryland. In this position, he led daily operations and important decision-making processes as a member of the County’s Executive’s leadership team and his portfolio contained economic development, housing and community affairs, workforce development and transportation.

“Teri and Jerome will bring great perspective to the organization.” said Gene T. Jones, President & CEO.” Their expertise and insight to our communities will help advance the mission of YMCA of Southwest Florida across all the communities we serve. There could not be a better time for the appointment of Teri and Jerome as we enter into the planning phase of our 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. Their leadership and guidance will help develop the vision for our organization and allow us to serve more individuals and families in need of our services.”

YMCA of Southwest Florida serves the counties of Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Desoto, Lee, Hendry and Glades through programs that promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Every community served by YMCA of Southwest Florida has access to its programs through the YMCA Scholarship Fund. Regardless of their inability to pay, financial assistance is available due to community partners’ and donors' support.

For more information on YMCA of Southwest Florida, community members are encouraged to contact Jamie Browning, Vice President of Development, YMCA of Southwest Florida, at (941) 492-9622 or [JBrowning@ymcaswfl.org](mailto:JBrowning@ymcaswfl.org).

**About YMCA of Southwest Florida**

YMCA of Southwest Florida is a leading non-profit strengthening southwest Florida communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Driven by its founding mission, the Y has served as a leading non-profit committed to strengthening community for more than 175 years. The Y empowers everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from, by ensuring access to resources, relationships and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. By bringing together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and generations, the Y aims to improve overall health and well-being, ignite youth empowerment and demonstrate the importance of connections in and across Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Desoto, Hendry and Glades Counties.

# YMCA BRANCHES

Bonita Springs YMCA

Bradenton YMCA Englewood YMCA

Fort Myers YMCA

Franz Ross YMCA

Lakewood Ranch YMCA

Punta Gorda YMCA

Venice YMCA

# SKY ACADEMIES

SKY Academy Englewood

SKY Academy Venice

# EARLY LEARNING

# ACADEMIES

Charlotte Harbor YMCA

Early Learning Academy

The Suwyn Early Learning Academy

at Bonita Springs YMCA

Venice YMCA

Early Learning Academy

YMCA Early Learning Academy

at PGT Innovations

# OFFSITE LOCATIONS

Cooper Street Recreation Center

YMCA Camp Estero

# ALSO SERVING

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Estero

Labelle

Lehigh Acres

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